

INTERNATIONAL LAW YEAR IN REVIEW

2026 CONFERENCE

CONFLICT, DISRUPTION AND PARADOX

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Judge Abdulqawi Ahmed Yusuf

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FIRESIDE CHAT | INTERNATIONAL DISPUTE SETTLEMENT IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

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PANEL 1 | PEACE AND SECURITY IN A YEAR OF DISRUPTION

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RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

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RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN MYANMAR

Dr. Moe Thuzar

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RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DISPUTE BETWEEN CAMBODIA AND THAILAND

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PANEL 2 | NAVIGATING CHALLENGES TO THE EXISTING RULES-BASED INTERNATIONAL ORDER

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RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN GLOBAL TRADE

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CHALLENGES TO MULTILATERALISM

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**PANEL 2 | NAVIGATING CHALLENGES TO THE EXISTING
RULES-BASED INTERNATIONAL ORDER (cont.)**

CRITICAL MARITIME INFRASTRUCTURE

Dr. Tara Maria Davenport

Co-Head, Ocean Law and Policy, CIL-NUS | Assistant Professor,
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**REVISITING THE ICJ'S CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISORY OPINION:
EVALUATION AND REFLECTION**

Ambassador Ma Xinmin

Legal Adviser, Foreign Ministry, China | Member of the International
Law Commission



PANEL 3 | A TIME OF PARADOX: A YEAR OF ACHIEVEMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW

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Distinguished Visiting Scholar, NUS Centre for International Law
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THE NEW PANDEMIC TREATY

Steven Solomon

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FINAL ILC REPORT AND CONCLUSIONS ON SEA-LEVEL RISE IN INTERNATIONAL LAW

Prof. Patricia Galvao Teles

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THE NEW BBNJ AGREEMENT AS IT ENTERS INTO FORCE

Deputy Attorney-General Lionel Yee

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**AMBASSADORS' ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION:
INTERNATIONAL LAW IN ACTION**

Prof. Tommy Koh

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Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations

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